



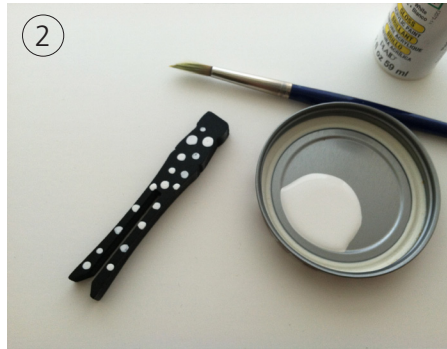
How to make a **HIDE- AND-SEEK BEETLE**

Teach kids how to be tree heroes. In recognition of Tree Check Month, make an Asian longhorned beetle. Hide it in your trees and encourage kids to spot it while you are out checking your trees for signs of trouble. The ALB is a threat to hardwood trees, but your kids can help stop this pest.

Happy Tree Check Month!



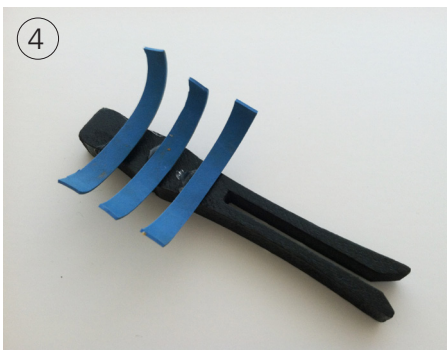
Materials: wooden clothespin, black spray paint, white acrylic paint, blue rubber band, paint brush, black-and-white-striped pipe cleaners, hot-glue gun



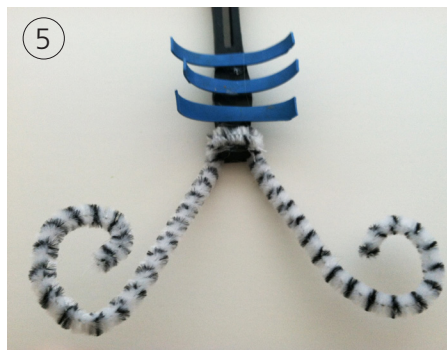
Use the spray paint to spray the clothespin black, both sides. Let dry. Paint white dots with the acrylic paint. You can use a jar lid for your paint tray.



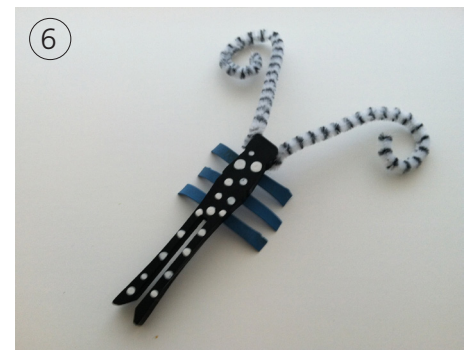
Rubber band legs: Use the wide blue bands often found on broccoli in the produce section. Cut the band into two narrow bands. Then cut into lengths about 2 1/2".



On the underside of the beetle, drop three drops of hot glue and place a blue band section on each dot.



Fold one pipe cleaner in half, and pinch it around the back of the beetle's "neck." Secure with hot glue. Bend each of the ends of the pipe cleaner into a curlicue.



Now you have a finished Asian longhorned beetle! Hide it in your trees and encourage kids to spot it. Happy Tree Check Month!



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